rural infrastructure of the selected coastal district. The Government of Orissa have been informed of this position and requested to take further necessary action in this matter.

Implementation of recommendations of Rhanu Pratap Singh Committee regarding F. C. I.

1110. SHRI MENTAY P ADMAN A-BHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:.

(a) the' steps being taken to make the Food Corporation of India an efficient and economically viable organisation;

(b) whether Government have examined the Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee Report on the Food Corporation of India;

(c) what steps are being taken to remove high spending by the officials;

(d) what are the details of economy measures being initiated; and

(e) whether outside experts would be asked to examine and suggest ways to streamline the Food Corporation of ndia's operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a), (c) and (d) The Food Corporation of India is the main agency of the government for protecting the interests of the farmers on the one hand and the consumers on the other hand. The FCI purchases/ issues foodgrains at the prices fixed by the Government. The Central issue prices of foodgrains do not cover **all** the handling costs of FCI. The difference between the economic costs and the Central issue prices is reimbursed to FCI in the form of subsidy as a deliberate welfare policy of the Government. The handling costs of **FCI** are composed of costs of controllable and non-controllable items. Costs on non-controllable items constitute the major portion of the handling costs. FCI, however, have prepared a Cost Reduction Plan on items which **are** controllable with a view to reducing its operational costs and as a result the Corporation achieved savings of Rs. 667. 65 crores during period from 1986-87 to 1989-90.

(b) The recommendations of the Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee on Agricultural Policies and Programmes are under examination in the Ministry of Agriculture.

(e) The Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices (BICP) had recently undertaken a cost audit of FCI's operations and submitted a report. It has found that economic cost of foodgrains handled by the FCI was lower than the open market prices in almost all the States.

Market value of Hotels owned by ITDC

1111. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of market value of all the hotels owned by ITDC; and

(b) the net profit from each ITDC owned hotel, the figures separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH): (a) The market, value of ITDC owned hotels has not been estimated.

(b) The hotel wise profitability for 1989-90 is given in Statement attached.